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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary
Board on Geographic Names

SUBJECT : Authorization to Initiate NIS
Geographic Name Projects

1. The Central Intelligence Agency hereby authorizes the U. S. Board on Geographic Names to undertake preliminary name research and encumber CIA working funds for such purposes, on those areas as indicated in paragraph 3, below.

2. It is requested that:

a. Appropriate action be taken so that the resultant work on the designated areas will have the status of "Official Standard Names" of the U. S. Board on Geographic Names.

b. Initial work be confined to the preparation of preliminary gazetteers for the designated areas. Specifications and authorization for component projects within these areas will be furnished at a later date.

3. The NIS areas for which the above actions are authorized are listed as follows:

| | <u>NIS#</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>NIS#</u> | <u>Title</u> |
|-------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 25X6A | | | 77 | Panama |
| | 50 | West Africa | 82 | Dutch Possessions in the Caribbean |
| | 63 | Indian Ocean Islands | 90 | Argentina |
| | 71 | Guatemala | 95 | The Guianas |

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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